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09/768,829REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the examiner's Office Action dated 4/8/2003 and further in view of an in-person interview on 6/16/03. Applicant is appreciative of the professional and courteous interview held with the examiner and his supervisor. Changes have been made to the independent claims as we discussed. The claims are believed to be in allowable form. If it is felt that a second interview is deemed necessary, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' representative. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment.

Summary:

As has been detailed above, none of the references, cited or applied, provide for the specific claimed details of applicants' presently claimed invention, nor renders them obvious. It is believed that this case is in condition for allowance and reconsideration thereof and early issuance is respectfully requested. Formal drawings will be submitted upon receiving a notice of allowance.

As this amendment has been timely filed within the set period of response, no petition for extension of time or associated fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the fees provided to Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

Respectfully submitted,



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